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January 22, 1981

*Mr. Moore,
hand delivered
proposed drilling
plugging & reclamation
activities with
typed forth coming.
This approval
letter was hand
delivered at
that time*

(rough draft)

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RE: Notice of Intent to Commence
Exploratory Drilling
Raven Ridge Project
Uintah County, Utah
EXP/047/020

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your letter received by the Division January 22, 1981 concerning Western Tar Sands, Inc.'s proposed exploratory drilling project in Uintah County, Utah. The letter satisfies the notice requirements of Rule M-3(5) of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated. All information in the letter relating to the location, size or nature of the deposit will be held as confidential material by the Division until written permission to release the information is received.

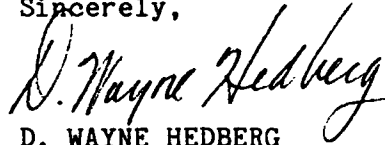
The Division requires no additional information at this time. However, a record of plugging procedures for each hole and general overall reclamation procedures (grading, stabilization procedures, seed mixtures, rates, methods, and times of seeding) is required upon termination of operations. In addition, all information relating to water-bearing formations encountered in drilling and logging must be submitted to the Division in writing, and must give the hole location, and if possible, the depth of the water-bearing strata, the formation name, the rate of flow, and if known, the water quality.

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Plugging Guidelines are available upon request for your reference.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area a member of the Division staff will examine the site(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

D. WAYNE HEDBERG
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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cc: Mr. Lewis G. Manwaring
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